WHO Assistance for Leprosy Programme

*741. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the World Health Organization assistance obtained for leprosy programme is being used for expenditure on establishment, conferences as well as monitoring and evaluation of the leprosy programme;

(b) if so, the total amount of such WHO assistance being utilized annually for various programmes;

(c) whether in view of the economic crisis any steps are contemplated to stop foreign assistance for financing such normal activities of the Government.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) it not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) WHO assistance is utilised or critical activities that would contribute to the strengthening of the National Leprosy Eradication Programme. The broad activities include fellowship and training in leprosy control, institutional strengthening supply of essential material and equipments, anti-leprosy drugs, operational research activities, organisation of special orientation exercises, monitoring with the assistance of consultants and independent evaluation of National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(b) The assistance provided by WHO from WHO Country budget for NLEP activites is shown below:

Biennium	*Expenditure (US$)*
1988-89(Ist Jan.88- 31st Dec.,89)	14,80,210
1990-91(1st Jan.90- 31st Dec.,91)	6,31,000

(c) No Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The activities undertaken with W.H.O. funds are all essential for the success of the programme and in view of financial constraints it is all the more necessary to untilise the extra-budgetary resources from W.H.O. for supplementing the funds available for this programme in the Plan.

Immunization of Children

[*Translation*]

*742. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some children have died due to reaction of immunization vaccines in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths during the last three years State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Fifty four children are reported to have died during the last three years due to vaccine related causes. Out of these, 21 deaths occured in 1988, 12 during 1989 and 21 during 1990 as per State-wise break-up given in the Annexure.

Under the Universal Immunization Programme, about 25 million pregnant women and 22 million infants are to be immunised every year. Although immunization is a safe procedure, some adverse events in a very small number of cases following immunization cannot be ruled out. However, all efforts are made to minimise the risk of avoidable deaths due to immunization by ensuring quality control of vaccines, training of medical and para-medical staff, supply of equipments and giving full technical support to the states and Union Territories. A cold chain system has been established throughout the country for maintenance of vaccines at proper temperature. Use of separate syringes and needles has been emphasised for each immunization and equipments to ensure proper sterilization of these syringes and needles have been made available to the States and Union Territories.

Any death following immunization is required to be investigated by a medical team within 48 hours. Necessary corrective and follow up action is taken on the basis of the report of the investigation team.

STATEMENT

State-wise Break up of Children Died due to Immunization during the Last Three Years

Sl. No.	*State*	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	-	3
2.	Assam	-	-	1
3.	Gujarat	-	-	2
4.	Haryana	-	-	1
5.	Himachal Pradesh	-	3	1
6.	Madhya Pradesh	2	-	9
7.	Maharashtra	4	-	1
8.	Mizoram	2	-	-
9.	Orissa	2	2	1
10.	Rajasthan	7	1	-

Sl. No.	State	1988	1989	1990
1	2	3	4	5
11.	Sikkim	-	-	1
12.	Tamil Nadu	3	2	-
13.	Uttar Pradesh	-	4	-
14.	West Bengal	-	-	1
		21	12	21